

America Must Hasten Preparations Despite German Strikes, Declares Sec. Baker

ALLIES NOW SUPERIOR ON WEST FRONT, REPORT SAYS

America must quicken its army preparations—not slacken them—in the face of the reported labor disturbances in the central powers, Secretary of War Baker declared today.

In his weekly war review he said: "While dissatisfaction is no doubt rife in Germany and strikes of increasing seriousness have occurred, we must not allow any reported disturbance to affect the effectiveness or speed of our armed preparations."

Baker warned that, despite her troubles, Germany is stripping all other fronts for the coming struggle in the west.

Allies Prepared.

In the face of this crisis the allies are prepared, he said, having "a numerical superiority both in men and guns."

"Complete and close cooperation between the allies and ourselves," he added, "and a harmonious understanding between the supreme commands of all of the forces engaged promises to show positive results. Unity of purpose on all fronts will thus be obtained."

"Our patrols have been active in No Man's Land," he said, commenting on American activities in front lines. "Our scouts have made themselves familiar with the details of the hostile positions opposite them."

Minor Activities.

"The operations in which our troops have so far been engaged were of a minor character. Around January 21 the Germans attempted a strongly pushed raid against our line for purposes of identification. The enemy was able to reach our advanced positions. A short brush ensued and the raiders were compelled to withdraw in haste after inflicting slight casualties. Two days later the enemy apparently attempted another reconnoitering thrust, but were dispersed before any headway could be made."

Secretary's Report.

The Secretary's report in full follows: American troops which have now completed their training are now completing a portion of the actual battle front.

The operations in which our troops have so far been engaged were of a minor character.

On January 30 the Germans attempted a strongly pushed raid against our line for purposes of identification.

Under cover of a heavy mist the enemy was able to reach our advanced positions. A short brush ensued and the raiders were compelled to withdraw in haste, after inflicting slight casualties.

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Another Event.

"Another event of importance took place in France. The Inter-Allied Supreme War Council met at Versailles, attended by General Bliss, chief of the staff of the army, and General Pershing, as well as the representatives of France, Great Britain and Italy. Complete and close cooperation between the allies and ourselves, and a harmonious understanding between the supreme commands of all of the forces engaged, promising to show positive results. Unity of purpose on all fronts will thus be attained."

During the past seven-day period the world has been flooded with the news of very serious internal unrest in Germany.

Widespread strikes among munition workers are reported.

While dissatisfaction is no doubt

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While positive proof has been received that the enemy has removed troops from the eastern theater, and is struggling over fronts for the coming struggle in the west, nevertheless, the allies are believed still to hold a very appreciable numerical superiority both in men and guns.

In the British theater numerous raids took place. Some of Lens and northeast of Langemarck, as well as south of the Scarpe, the Germans sent out reconnoitering detachments.

The British forces were also busy engaged sounding the enemy line, identifying new units, taking measure of the value of the new contingents which are arriving along the German line in the west from other theaters.

Northeast of Havincourt and near Epehy, British patrols brought in prisoners.

Hostile artillery kept up a heavy fire throughout the week in the Ypres and Cambria sectors.

Paschendaele was the scene of very lively shelling, and the regions of Arras and Lens were also principal targets for the German guns.

French Also Busy.

The French were also busy raiding the enemy and kept a careful outlook along their entire front.

Opposite the French, the Germans confined their operations to minor raids north of the Aisne and Upper Alsace.

Profiting by the favorable atmospheric conditions which prevailed, air raids on a large scale were undertaken.

The British successfully bombed railway centers in Flanders and air squadrons undertook attacks upon munition plants and other military objectives in the Rhine area.

London and Paris, as well as Dunkirk, Calais, and Boulogne were visited by hostile aircraft.

In Italy a further improvement in the combat situation is noted.

The Italians were very successful in following up their plans to regain points of particular strategic importance along their battle front.

As a counterpart of the French assault in the region of the Monte Tomba, the Italians early in the week launched a powerful offensive thrust against the Austrian positions along the Asiago plateau.

This attack was directed against the strongly entrenched enemy positions in the region between the Frenzela and the Brenta.

Italian Successes.

The Italians succeeded in capturing the hostile strongholds of the important peaks of the Col del Rosso and the Monte di Val Bella, which resulted in an appreciable advance of the Italian line.

DEATHS

LEWIS—After a brief illness, on Sunday at 1 o'clock a. m., February 2, 1918, at his home at Fort Meyer Heights, Va., "HAROLD E. LEWIS, beloved husband of Cora Watson Lewis, aged sixty-two years. Funeral Tuesday morning, February 5, at Vienna, Va.

OXLEY—On Friday, February 1, 1918, at her residence, 24 Ninth street southeast, ALMA P. OXLEY, widow of Jefferson H. Oxley. Funeral services to be held Tuesday, February 5, 1918, at 3 p. m. Interment at Congressional Cemetery. Friends and relatives invited to attend.

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JOLLY COASTERS FIND D. C. HILLS OFFER FINE SPORT

Washington is taking to the hills today—with its hobblede and coasters. Practically every hill in the city is covered with snow from three to six inches deep and all the coasting hills are ushering in the real coasting season of 1917-18.

The coasting has brought out some marvels of the sled builders' art and despite the commandeering of all sorts of manufacturing plants by the Government, the sled builders have managed to turn out a bobbed with flexible runners that will comfortably fast speed work on the hills. Coasting parties are being formed for the coming week if the weather continues fairly cold.

Some of the best coasting in the northwest section is to be had on the catenary street in South's Addition district and also on Emerson street in the same territory. The big hill along Nineteenth street from Columbia road to Connecticut avenue is also popular, but the biggest crowd is expected at the Zoo this afternoon. The snow has been packed in a solid track from the hill at the lion house, down across the surrounding grounds, and the cement bridge at the Harvard street entrance. Inquiry at stores elicited the information that the big trucks were selling as high as \$15 each, whereas the two-passenger sleds were running all the way from \$3 to \$4.25. A nice four-passenger truck can be obtained at any of the sporting goods stores for \$7.75.

ASKS PROHIBITION OF ALL INTOXICANTS

A petition was presented to the Senate this afternoon by Senator Jones of Washington from the Pastors' Association of this city in favor of the passage of a resolution requesting the President to ask the British and French governments to forbid the sale or giving to American soldiers of beer, wine or other intoxicants.

Further than this it is provided that the President shall ask these governments for a joint arrangement for war prohibition which shall prevent the use of grain for the making of intoxicants.

J. E. BRODERICK, HEAD OF PA. MINE BUREAU, DEAD

HAZELTON, Pa., Feb. 4.—James E. Broderick, seventy-five, chief of the Pennsylvania bureau of mines since 1907, died today.

SPECIAL NOTICES

DR. P. W. MURPHY, dentist, has removed his office from 1115 to 1117 and 1119 N. W. Phone Franklin 279.

WOMAN'S ALLEGED KIDNAPING STORY SCOUTED BY POLICE

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—The police here put little credence in the story of Mrs. Sophia Berg, held on a charge of kidnaping three-year-old Lillian Rosner last Tuesday. The child was returned to her parents last night after the family had been told by Mrs. Berg's niece that the child was at the Berg home in Brooklyn.

W. J. Lahay, second police commissioner, declares Mrs. Berg told him that she had stolen the child in the hope that the blame would be laid to her brother-in-law, Nathan Shapiro, with whom she had quarreled. A chance acquaintance, she is said to have told the police, suggested this course, and this acquaintance pointed out the Rosner child to her. The story has already been disproved in several particulars. The belief is held by some that it was an effort to discredit the new city administration.

Mrs. Berg came here from San Francisco last October.

BRITISH RAID TRENCHES EAST OF HAVRICOURT

LONDON, Feb. 4.—British troops raided enemy trenches east of Havricourt early last night. Field Marshal Haig reported today.

In the neighborhood of Lens and northeast of Gavrelle there was "some hostile activity."

Even to Picture Food in Germany Now Means Prison

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 4.—Because he had a sense of humor, the artist who designed paper money now being circulated in Prussia has been arrested and thrown into jail on a charge of holding up the fatherland to ridicule.

The artist's offense lay in the manner in which he ornamented the margin of certain bills. It was discovered some time after the money was put in circulation the marginal decorations consisted mostly of drawings of articles of food.

Above a picture of a ham the artist inscribed the words "A tender memory and a fond hope," while over a design of three turnips, he wrote: "This how the Germans live."

DR. TCHLENOV, ZIONIST LEADER, DIES IN LONDON

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Dr. Jachiel Tchlenov, one of the leaders in the Zionist movement, is dead in London. His death came while he was trying to obtain the sanction of the British government to the Zionist plan to restore Palestine.

Some weeks ago, when it appeared probable that the British forces would wrest Palestine from the Turks, Dr. Tchlenov gave up his \$25,000 a year practice at Moscow, where he was the leading physician, and went to London to devote his entire time to help the Jews regain Palestine. His work had attracted wide attention in America.

HENEY, IN CHICAGO, RESOLVED TO GET PACKERS' RECORDS

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—Francis J. Heney, counsel for the Federal Trade Commission, is in Chicago today preparing a determined fight to obtain possession of records of Swift and Company, Morris and Company, Wilson and Company, Chicago packers, whose activities are under investigation by the commission.

The records sought are in the possession of Henry Veeder and W. M. Borders, attorneys for the packers. The attorneys declare that the records are private and in no way connected with the business of the packers.

Heney conferred with United States District Attorney Charles E. Clynne, but refused to comment on the conference. It is reported that the controversy with the packers may be laid before the Federal grand jury which will convene Monday.

"BAKED," SHE SUES DOCTOR.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 4.—Ellen A. Von Eschen was billeted and caloused by being baked improperly in an apparatus designed to treat rheumatic patients, she says in a suit filed here against Dr. A. M. Loughney in District court. "The back of my head felt as though I had been dragged around by my hair," she said. "I was burned yellow, red, black, and blue."

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CRANDALL'S AVE. GRAND, 1405 Pa. Ave. S. E. TODAY—VIVIAN MARTIN in "THE FAIR HADAMAS."

CRANDALL'S Theater, 1st & H. I. R. TODAY—FLORENCE RICK in "TODAY."

PLAZA Theater, 10th St. N. W. TODAY AND WEDNESDAY—"THE HEART OF THE LION."

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HOME 1239 C Street Northeast TODAY—MARGIE KENNEDY in "NEARLY MARRIED."

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GARDEN Theater, 10th St. N. W. TODAY AND WEDNESDAY—"THE WINNING TRAIL."

CRANDALL'S Theater, 14th St. N. E. TODAY—JUDITH DALTON in "LOVE LETTERS."